

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
SEPTEMBER 05, 2002**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.**

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles, CA. There was a quorum.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Alta Duke, CEHD Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no Public Comments at this meeting.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (DeSantis) SECONDED (Bruesch) and APPROVED.

Jacob Lieb informed the CEHD members that there are several Receive and File items on the Consent Calendar, and staff was available for any questions.

**3.1 Approval Items**

3.1.1 Minutes of July 11, 2002

**3.2 Receive and File**

3.2.1 Growth Visioning Subcommittee Minutes of June 2002

3.2.2 Legislative Position Summary

3.2.3 Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Activity

3.2.4 Housing Element Compliance and Building Permit Report

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Income Equity Task Force**

Jacob Lieb, Senior Regional Planner, introduced this item stating that the Income Equity Task Force was formed by the CEHD Committee in April 2002 for the specific purpose of creating a list of policy considerations for future Housing Needs Allocations and to look at issues related to income equity. He said the task force was able to make some progress on some important considerations and planning cycles.

Mr. Lieb emphasized that some of the recommendations are serious and profound and have implications to the upcoming process. He said that staff wanted to encourage the CEHD Committee to take as much time as needed to go through and sort out the discussion and to determine some next step staff should take to proceed. He informed this Committee that staff would be presenting the deliberations of the task force, some recommendations made by the task force and some discussion to clear up any confusion or questions that have taken place. He also said that hopefully this Committee would continue the discussions next month before taking any action.

Mr. Lieb then introduced Professor Dowell Myers of USC who was retained as a moderator to the Income Equity Task Force.

Professor Myers gave a summary of the discussions, deliberations, and conclusions that were reached by the task force as described in the report attached to the agenda.

Mr. Lieb described to the members that the formula works by basing the eventual housing need total for the jurisdiction, on first an index or a share of whatever factor to consider for the local government, and then a policy weight given to the particular factor which would be of the most importance to each region or subregion.

A discussion on the clarity of the formula/framework and various other issues ensued among the committee members with Mr. Lieb responding to their questions, comments and concerns. A suggestion was made during the discussions that the Income Equity Task Force needs to continue to work with staff in order to better understand the income equity/affordability index process.

The Vice-Chair stated that having this kind of formula which could be custom from the local level on up is a good first step, but also wonders how objective or subjective

it can become over a period of time or how much should be allowed into this formula before it negates itself.

Councilmember Susan Lien, and other members, expressed concern that Income differences in the region were not addressed directly enough. The Committee agreed to treat these issues further at its next meeting.

It was MOVED (McTaggart) SECONDED (Bauer) and UNANIMOUSLY agreed to continue discussion and consideration of recommendations on this item at the next meeting.

## **5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1 SB 910 (Dunn) Update**

Mike Murphy, Lead Government Affairs Officer, reported on SB910 (Dunn), the Housing Element Penalties/Reform Bill.

Mr. Murphy reported to the Committee that the bill had been defeated in the Assembly Housing Committee, after Senator Dunn declined to accept a series of compromise amendments offered by Assemblyman Lowenthal, the Chair of the Housing Committee. Senator Dunn expressed that he and his staff had not had ample time to review the amendments, and believed that the amendments would nullify the original intent of the legislation. At the Assembly hearing, many expressed regret that so much work had gone into the bill with no result. These efforts included a Working Group (on which SCAG staff participated) that negotiated many key issues.

The Committee had substantial discussion on this issue, specifically expressing that SCAG and local governments should be more proactive in pursuing its Housing Element legislative agenda in the future. It was suggested that Committee members should seek a meeting with Senator Dunn. It was also suggested that Committee members send thank you letters to Assemblymembers Lowenthal and Wiggins.

### **5.2 Local Review Procedures for the Trend Projections**

JiHong McDermott, Senior Regional Planner, gave an update on the Local Review Procedures and the process saying that their data is almost ready to be sent out to the cities planning departments, directors and designated staff of the 192 jurisdictions who will receive, along with the data, a local review package including methodologies and guidelines, local review forms for their review by about September 16.

Ms. McDermott stated that this detailed information needed for the RTP model run. She also stated that staff, consultant, and subregions would jointly hold several

workshops throughout the region immediately after the release of the data. She said that for the next two months staff would be working very hard to finish this process.

Lynn Harris made a suggestion to discuss the importance of the relationship between the forecast and the ultimate RHNA numbers, however due to time constraints, the Committee decided to include this in the next month's agenda.

Vice-Chair Duke asked if the letter to city officials requested by the Committee had been sent. Ms. McDermott replied that it had.

### **53. State of the Region**

Ping Chang, Senior Regional Planner, gave a slide presentation on this report which has been published every year since 1998.

Mr. Ping stated that the purpose of the State of the Region is to assess how Southern California performed in both 2001 as well as during the 1990 decade. He mentioned that the Benchmarks Task Force that was chaired by Mayor Ronald Loveridge had guided the staff in their work.

The State of the Region 2002 report, which provides assessment on how the region performed during 2001 as well as during the 1990-2000 decade, will be ready for release later this year.

The Chair thanked Mr. Chang, who also received applause from the Committee members, for a very informative presentation.

### **54. Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report**

Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry stating that the new consultants, Fregonese Calthrope & Associates, gave a presentation about helping the Growth Visioning Committee gather the information needed from each subregions for the future of Southern California. She mentioned that they spent a lot of time on their presentation and thought it would be very interesting to get some highlights of the very impressive presentation for the CEHD Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry believed the consultants have a good understanding on how to get information out of the region.

## **6.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT**

Councilmember Alta Duke and Vice-Chair of CEHD announced the date for the upcoming Southwest Compact Conference coming up on October 24 – 25, 2002 at the Barbara Worth Resort in the City of Holtville, Imperial County.

## **7.0 STAFF REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alfredo Gonzalez informed the Committee members about an invitation being passed out on the Transportation Forum being hosted by SCAG and Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald on Monday, September 9, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Carson Community Center in Carson, CA. He mentioned that Secretary Norman Mineta of the US Department of Transportation would along with the Region's Key Transportation Leaders would also be attending.

## **8.0 COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments at this meeting.

## **9.0 CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Ralph Bauer (arrived 10:50 am)  
Mayor Robert Bruesch  
Councilmember Jeff Comercheo  
Councilmember Betty DeSantis  
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza (arrived 11:30 am)  
Councilmember Bart Doyle  
Councilmember Alta E. Duke, **Vice- Chair**  
Councilmember Henry Harkema  
Councilmember Susan Lien,  
Mayor Ronald Loveridge  
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid (arrived 11:03 am)  
Councilmember Shirley McCracken (arrived 10:45 am)  
Mayor Kathryn McCullough (arrived 10:40 am)  
Mayor John McTaggart  
Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry

City of Huntington Beach  
City of Rosemead  
WRCOG Subregion  
Las Virgenes Malibu Conejo Council  
City of Palmdale  
City of Sierra Madre  
City of La Palma  
City of Paramount  
Gateway Cities COG  
City of Riverside  
SGVCOG Subregion  
OCCOG Subregion  
OCCOG Subregion  
South Bay Cities COG  
City of Brea

Councilmember Bedford Pinkard  
Councilmember M. Jo Shields  
Mayor George Stettler

City of Oxnard  
City of Brawley  
CVAG Subregion

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mayor William Alexander, **Chair**  
Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts  
Mayor Ken Blackwood  
Supervisor Robert (Bob) Buster  
Mayor David Eshleman  
Councilmember Wendy Greuel  
Councilmember Janice Hahn  
Councilmember Alex Padilla  
Councilmember Jan Perry  
Councilmember Marsha Ramos  
Councilmember Ed Reyes  
Councilmember Deborah Robertson  
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran (arrived 10:37 am)  
Councilmember Bob Yousefian

SANBAG Subregion  
City of Long Beach  
City of Lomita  
County of Riverside  
City of Fontana  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Los Angeles  
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion  
City of Los Angeles  
SANBAG Subregion  
City of Garden Grove  
City of Glendale

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Lynn Harris  
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